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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawing includes changes to Fig. 2, specifically, it adds hatching to sectioned parts. It replaces the original sheet that contains Fig. 2.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's objection to missing cross-sectional hatching on drawing Fig. 2, a replacement sheet with added cross-sectional hatching is attached. Surfaces of the type pointed to by numeral 7, and other surfaces, are shown in section.

With respect to the Information Disclosure Statement, it is pointed out that document 173190 is the Danish patent granted on the priority application and not a Swedish document.

In response to the objections to the specification and claims, the specification and claims have been amended to overcome the objections. The claims have also been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112. In this regard, with respect to claim 1, it is noted that the winding-up of interlocking chain links is performed during simultaneous axial displacement. This can be seen from Figs 1 and 2. In the illustrated embodiment, as is shown in Figs. 8 to 11, the chain links are not curved on all of the exterior sides, but mainly on sides or surfaces parallel to the direction of displacement. Claim 1 has been amended to delete "their" from before "exterior sides" and thereby make clearer the idea that the chain links are not necessarily curved on all of their exterior sides. With respect to "engagement means", claim 1 has been amended to recite "engagement means for providing the mutual interlocking of said chain links". The term "turn" is meant to denote a single winding, which, as is shown in Fig. 14, may be composed of, e.g., five chain links. *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary* defines "turn", in pertinent part (meaning 10b), as "a single round (as of rope passed about an object or of wire wound on a core)".

In response to the objection of the Examiner with respect to connection of the first and last links in the spindle member with adjacent links on both sides thereof, claim 1 has been amended to recite "guiding said chain links during rotation of said driving device in said winding

guide means so that the chain links are interconnected and retained in engagement by their associated engagement means with at least one neighboring chain link in the same turn as well as adjacent chain links in at least one neighboring turn of said elongate spindle member". The amended language is more clearly true, than the previous language, of the first and last links, as well as intermediate links.

In line 1 of claim 2, "the use" has been changed to "using".

In view of the rejection of claim 4, line 1 of claim 1 has been amended to recite "A method of making at least one elongate spindle member", and claim 4 has been amended to recite "an additional elongate spindle member is formed concurrently with said at least one spindle member, the two elongate spindle members (57, 58; 67, 68) being formed ...".

With respect to the Examiner's objection to method claim 8, claim 8 has been amended to recite "A method according to claim 2, characterized by using the method in a raising/ lowering device...". In response to the rejection of claim 9, claim 9 has been amended to recite "for opening and closing either of windows and doors".

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all the claims presently pending in the application are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.


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